


THE OXFORD UNION SOCIETY 1d.  
POSTAGE STAMP.

A NEW DISCOVERY.

ESSRS Herbert James and Co., of 43 Eastcheap, have shown us the 1d., lilac postage stamp (16 pearls) overprinted on the back "O.U.S." in *lilac* (the colour of the stamp). The surcharge reads downwards between narrow wavy lines. This is a very interesting discovery as the variety previously known to us has the surcharge in *red*. The discovery was made by Mr G. C. Warden while examining a very large number of English stamps. This surcharge ceased in October, 1882 and the 1d., lilac, with red surcharge, is extremely scarce so that this newly discovered variety, with lilac surcharge, must be a very rare stamp.

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